

CLASSIFICATION OFFICE DECISION

Title of publication: Photo(007)_3.jpg

Other known title(s): Not stated

OFLC ref: 2000370.012

Medium: Image File

Maker: Not stated

Country of origin: Aotearoa New Zealand

Language: Not applicable

Applicant: Commissioner of Police

Classification: Objectionable.

Descriptive note: None

Display conditions: None

Date of entry in Register: 15 December 2020

Date of direction to issue a label: No direction to issue a label has been issued

Date of notice of decision: 14 December 2020

Summary of reasons for decision:

The file is a highly sexualised image of a boy who clearly presents as a young person. It is deemed to be objectionable because it promotes and supports the exploitation of young persons for sexual purposes. Material such as this presents young teenage boys as sexually active and aware and as appropriate subjects for adult sexual fantasy and desire. Viewers who have a prurient interest in young teenage boys are likely to find the image titillating. The Classification Office has considered the effects of the New Zealand Bill of Rights Act 1990 on the application of the classification criteria. The objectionable classification of this publication interferes with the right to freedom of expression, but this is an outcome that is consistent with Parliament's intention that publications that promote or support the exploitation of young persons for sexual purposes be deemed objectionable.